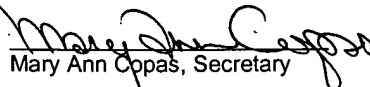


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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT
DATED 12/20/2004**

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, please amend the above-identified applications as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.